

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENT*

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~A heat exchanger plate (1) for a plate type heat exchanger, said plate (1) comprising a gasket groove (6) in the form of an indentation that extends, at least across that portion of the plate, close to the periphery of the plate and is, at intervals, provided with an expanded portion (7) for receiving a coupling element (10) on an associated gasket (3). In connection with each of the expanded portions (7) of the gasket groove (6) there is, by cutting and ridging of plate material, provided at least two openings (8) substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the gasket groove, said openings (8) being configured for engaging with said coupling element (10). In the expanded portion (7) there is, substantially perpendicular to the gasket groove (6) provided at least one ridged, tongue-like portion (9), wherein said openings (8) are located at each side of the tongue-like portion (9) between this and the expanded portion (7) of the gasket groove (6).~~

A heat exchanger plate includes a gasket groove that extends through a portion of the plate proximate to the periphery of the plate. The groove includes spaced expanded portions disposed to receive a plurality of coupling elements formed on an associated gasket. The expanded portions include tongue-like ridged portions with openings substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the gasket groove that are configured to receive the gasket coupling elements.